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## **Mission**

To work in partnership with the community to provide diversion services for juveniles charged with delinquency by promoting offender accountability and by offering these young people opportunities for competency development to prevent their further involvement in the juvenile justice system.

## **Business Strategy**

Prosecution Alternatives for Youth (PAY) provides juvenile diversion for Seminole County, including Teen/Peer Court, Community Arbitration Programs (CAP), and Juvenile Alternative Services Programs (JASP). Teen/Peer Court is conducted by teen volunteers; CAP and JASP clients are heard by volunteer arbitrators. Teen Court is designed for high school students and the Peer Court initiative is targeted for middle school students. Sanctions are assigned to prevent further delinquency. Diversion case management includes hearing cases and monitoring and ensuring completion of sanctions. Diversion provides cost-effective delinquency intervention, costing less than \$200 per case (compared with \$1,000 for the formal court system). In terms of quality of life, the value of early intervention is immeasurable.

## **Objectives**

Provide each juvenile client an alternative which will reduce caseload in the formal juvenile court system, and reduce the number of juveniles placed on community control.

Assign sanctions to educate each juvenile client as to his/her responsibility to the law, thus providing effective delinquency intervention for juveniles.

Diagnose and service youths with chemical dependency and counseling needs, and provide resources to address these problems.

Encourage community involvement in juvenile justice by training and utilizing volunteer arbitrators/hearing officers and teen/peer court participants.

Improve the quality of life for juvenile clients, their families, and all residents of Seminole County by reducing juvenile crime.

## **Performance Measures**

	<b>FY 00/01 Actual</b>	<b>FY 01/02 Estimated</b>	<b>FY 02/03 Goal</b>
Total number of clients in program	1,061	1,056	1,070
Success rate (clients completing program)	87%	85%	86%
Recidivism rate (clients reentering program after one year)	11%	11%	11.5%
Community service hours completed	11,490	10,760	11,900
Fees Collected	N/A	27,854	29,246

**Department:** COMMUNITY SERVICES **Seminole County**  
**Division:** PROSECUTION ALTERNATIVES FOR YOUTH  
**Section:** **FY 2002/03**

	2000/01 Actual Expenditures	2001/02 Adopted Budget	2002/03 Adopted Budget	% Change 2002/03 over 2001/02
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
Personal Services	316,784	355,346	378,478	6.5%
Operating Services	71,359	77,225	78,168	1.2%
Capital Outlay	2,909	15,293	34,714	127.0%
Debt Service	0	0	0	
Grants and Aid	0	0	0	
Reserves/Transfers	0	0	0	
<b>Subtotal Operating</b>	<b>391,052</b>	<b>447,864</b>	<b>491,360</b>	<b>9.7%</b>
Capital Improvements	0	0	0	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>391,052</b>	<b>447,864</b>	<b>491,360</b>	<b>9.7%</b>
<b>FUNDING SOURCE(S)</b>				
General Fund	391,052	447,864	491,360	9.7%
<b>TOTAL FUNDING SOURCE(S)</b>	<b>391,052</b>	<b>447,864</b>	<b>491,360</b>	<b>9.7%</b>
Full Time Positions	8	8	8	
Part-Time Positions	1	1	1	
<b>New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2002/03</b>				
Capital Outlay: Two vehicles to improve supervision of clients in the field.				34,714